

# Voters Not Politicians

Presentation to Michigan House Ethics & Oversight Committee  
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*“Bringing integrity back to state government”*

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# We Can Transform Michigan

- “The People’s business” - building culture & expectations
- **Executive, legislative & judicial accountability**
- Personal financial disclosure including donors to slush funds
- Transparency (FOIA/LORA)
- Ban conflicts of interest
- 2-year cooling off period
- Ban anything of value & expand “lobbyable official”
- Enforcement

## Adopt Best Practices

- Center for Public Integrity (2018, 2015)
- S.W.A.M.P. index (2020)
- Recent developments in other states
- Current & past bills
- Keep up with prevailing best practices

## Iowa Public Record Access

- ✓ Anyone may request public records
- ✓ Open meetings
- ✓ Increased gov't compliance, ensuring that elected officials follow new rules



## Alaska Accountability

- ✓ Asset disclosure
- ✓ Conflict of interest laws
- ✓ Private sector employment restrictions



## **“Cooling Off Period”**

- ✓ Legislators must wait 2 years before becoming lobbyists
- ✓ Prevents public officials from misusing information and power to the benefit of their private interests



# No More Headlines... It's Time to Act

## Ex-head of Michigan marijuana board admits he took bribes

By ED WHITE April 6, 2023

Bridge  
MICHIGAN

February 3, 2022

## Lee Chatfield allegations fuel push for ethics reform in Michigan Legislature

METRO DETROIT NEWS

## Michigan ranks dead last for government transparency. It's time to fix that.

By Lee DeVito on Wed, Mar 24, 2021 at 1:00 am

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**Beth LeBlanc**

The Detroit News

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It appears a 6th former state lawmaker who left office at the end of 2018 has registered to lobby state government in the first 2 months of 2019:

Lobby ID#: 016431  
Registrant's Name: MICHAEL GREEN  
Lobby Type: Lobbyist/Agent  
Date Became Lobbyist/Agent: 02/22/2019  
Signatory/in Care Of:

2:12 PM · Feb 26, 2019 · [Twitter Web Client](#)



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4 Republicans, 2 Democrats so far.

## Ex-Mich. speaker registers as lobbyist after pushing to end Legislature's 'revolving door'

# How Can Voters Not Politicians Help?



- Trusted nonpartisan partner
- Volunteer teams in every legislative district
- 2,000+ highly trained & motivated
- In-district canvassing, rallies
- Earned media, social, LTEs
- Voter education and engagement
- Accountability